**Executing institutions of CAPART**

3113. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BALAPTE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names and number of the institutions in each State which have been made executing institutions by CAPART during the last three years;

(b) the details of amount spent during the last three years in each State through those organizations, organization-wise;

(c) whether the works done with the help of the amount allocated by CAPART are physically verified;

(d) if so, the number of such works which have been physically verified during the last three years;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether Government has any plans to increase the amount allocated to CAPART; and.

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (g) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Contribution to AARDO**

3114. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has been contributing a large sum as membership to the Afro-Asian Rural Development Organisation (AARDO);

(b) if so, the details of annual contribution of AARDO for the last three years, year-wise;

(c) how the aforesaid contribution helped India in developing understanding among member countries and eradicating poverty among rural people in the country; and

(d) the name and number of activities of AARDO, in which India participated during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) The annual membership contribution of India to Afro-Asian Rural Development Organisation (AARDO) is US $ 106,000.

(b) The year-wise contribution for the last three years to AARDO is as under.

| Year | Annual contribution |
|---|---|
| 2003 | US$106,000 US |
| 2004 | $ 106,000 |
| 2005 | US$106,000 |

(c) AARDO is a forum with which India is closely associated so as to further cooperation in the field of rural development in the member countries. Our contributions have helped the Organisation to sustain its main activities such as human resource development and development of pilot projects through partnership with the rural beneficiaries, addressing the basic physical and social infrastructure, transfer of technology and poverty alleviation programmes through income and employment generating activities.

(d) AARDO in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs has organized various training courses with the participation from different countries including India on subjects such as (i) Promotion of Micro Enterprises, (ii) Assessment and Transfer of Indian Technology (iii) Information Storage and Retrieval System (iv) Small Enterprises Management Consultancy (v) Small Enterprises policy and promotion (vi) Total Quality Management and ISO 9000/QS9000 (vii) Empowerment of Women through Enterprises (viii) Rural Industry Promotion in Developing Economies (ix) Data Warehousing and Data Mining (x) Adoption of Indian Technologies for sustainable Industrial Development (xi) Training Methods and skill for managers (xii) Promotion of Export oriented Agro Industries (xiii) Small Industry Financing—Approaches and Strategies (xiv) Strategies for sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development (xv) Textile Training Quality Control, Textile Extension etc.